to develop educational/teaching materials and aids in the formal education sector;

to encourage non-governmental organizations, mass media and other concerned organizations for promoting environmental awareness, among the people at all level;

to promote environment education through existing educational/scientific/ research institutions;

to ensure training and man-power development in environment education; and

to mobilize people's awareness for preservation and conservation of environment.

Proper and balanced development in a State

3289. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that at least 17 per cent dense forest land is regarded as necessary for proper and balanced development in a State;

if not, facts in this regard;

whether a reference has been made with regard to dense forest land in the States of the country in the last published report of forest survey of India; and

if so, area of dense forest land in each State of the country as per the above report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No such study has been carried out by Forest Survey of India (FSI).

Does not arise.

Yes, Sir. The Forest Survey of India has done forest cover assessment in three density classes, *viz.,* Very Dense Forest (VDF), Moderately Dense Forest (MDF), and Open Forest (OF) in the last published report.

State-wise area of dense forest land alongwith Moderately Dense Forest and Open Forests and enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Details of Forest cover in States/UTs in India (2005)

(area in km^2)

State/UT	Geographic Area	Forest Cover				Per cent ofGA.	Scrub
		Very Dense Forest	Mod. Dense Forest	Open Forest	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Andhra Pradesh	275,069	130	24,199	20,043	44,372	16.13	9,862
Arunachal Pradesh	83,743	14,411	37,977	15,389	67,777	80.93	128
Assam	78,438	1,444	11,387	14,814	27,645	35.24	146
Bihar	94,163	110	3,004	2,465	5,579	5.92	129

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Chhattisgarh	135,191	2,256	36,472	17,135	55,863	41.32	91
Delhi	1,483	0	54	122	176	11.87	0.62
Goa	3,702	55	1,095	1,014	2,164	58.45	2
Gujarat	196,022	114	6,024	8,577	14,715	7.51	1,495
Haryana	44,212	3	523	1,061	1,587	3.59	165
Himachal Pradesh	55,673	1,097	7,831	5,441	14,369	25.81	383
Jammu & Kashmir	222,236	2,135	8,394	10,744	21,273	9.57	2,821
Jharkhand	79,714	2,544	9,078	10,969	22,591	28.34	733
Karnataka	191,791	464	21,634	13,153	35,251	18.38	3,151
Kerala	38,863	1,024	8,636	5,935	15,595	40.13	70
Madhya Pradesh	308,245	4,239	36,843	34,931	76,013	24.66	2,172
Maharashtra	307,713	8,191	20,193	19,092	47,476	15.43	4,248
Manipur	22,327	923	5,541	10,622	17,086	76.53	39
Meghalaya	22,429	338	6,808	9,842	16,988	75.74	181
Mizoram	21,081	133	6,173	12,378	18,684	88.63	0
Nagaland	16,579	236	5,602	7,881	13,719	82.75	13
Orissa	155,707	538	27,656	20,180	48,374	31.07	4,743
Punjab	50,362	—	723	835	1,558	3.09	15
Rajasthan	342,239	14	4,456	11,380	15,850	4.63	4,527
Sikkim	7,096	498	1,912	852	3,262	45.97	363
Tamil Nadu	130,058	2,650	9,790	10,604	23,044	17.72	1,808
Tripura	10,486	61	4,969	3,125	8,155	77.77	59
Uttar Pradesh	240,928	1,297	4,682	8,148	14,127	5.86	738
Urtarakhand	53,483	4,002	14,396	6,044	24,442	45.7	320
West Bengal	88,752	2,302	3,777	6,334	12,413	13.99	68
Andaman & Nicobar	8,249	3,359	2,646	624	6,629	80.36	3
Chandigarh	114	1	8	6	15	13.16	1
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	491	0	130	91	221	45.01	0
Daman & Diu	112	0	2	6	8	7.14	0
Lakshadweep	32	0	15	10	25	78.13	0
Pondicheny	480	0	17	25	42	8.75	0
TOTAL:	3,287,263	54,569	332,647	289,872	677,088	20.60	38,475

N.B.: Very dense and moderately dense forests were earlier falling together in the category of dense forest.